

NEWS RELEASE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Carol A. Murray, Commissioner

For Immediate Release

December 21, 2005

Contacts:

Ken Hazeltine
Rail and Public Transportation
Bureau
(603) 271-2468
Bill Boynton
Public Information Office
(603) 271-6495

**GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS
FOR THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces that approximately \$475,000 is now available to non-profit agencies in New Hampshire for capital expenditures on transportation programs for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Capital spending includes buses, communications equipment, wheelchair lifts, and other transit-related expenditures.

Any non-profit agency providing transportation services to the elderly and/or persons with disabilities may apply for a grant. Each grant covers up to 80 percent of the capital item's purchase price. The agency is responsible for the remaining 20 percent. Agencies must comply with federal and state regulations regarding the program.

Grant applications can be obtained from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Bureau of Rail and Public Transportation, 7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483.

All applications must be postmarked by Thursday, February 2, 2006 to be considered for funding.